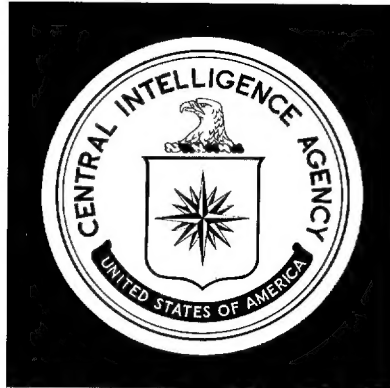


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Foreword

This publication discusses the impact of the US mining program on North Vietnam's international seaborne trade through 15 August 1972. It details the number and location of foreign ships in North Vietnamese ports when the mining announcement was made, movements that occurred prior to mine activation, and the subsequent disposition of foreign ships and cargoes en route to North Vietnam. Particular emphasis is given to the use of Chinese ports for the transshipment of cargo bound for North Vietnam and Chinese efforts to continue to move cargo into North Vietnam via secondary ports along the southern coastline of the country. For details on North Vietnam's international seaborne trade prior to the mining program, see ER IM 72-102, **Shipping to North Vietnam: 1 January - 11 May 1972**, July 1972, SECRET/NO FOREIGN DISSEM. Tonnages are expressed in metric tons. Because of rounding, components may not add to the totals shown.

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